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Tree Blown Over By Gale Has to Be Blasted—Christmas Exercises at Methodist Church—Holiday Visitors—Schoolmates Bearers at Funeral of Drowned Boy.

The worst storm of the season as far as terrific wind is concerned raged part of the night Saturday and all day Sunday; a blinding snow accompanied the wind part of the time, but did not accumulate to any great amount. A large pine tree in front of A. R. Young's residence fell across the sidewalk during the gale, tangling up the wires on that side of the street. It was thought wise to blast the tree, which was done during the afternoon. The blast broke two panes of glass in the house, and the fence in the rear of the house was blown down during the storm. The smoke stack in the chimney on Joseph Stafford's house blew down, and a window was smashed in F. E. Robinson's house. At the Methodist church, as Forrest Thatcher opened the outside door after the morning service, the wind banged it against the railing with such force that the door was smashed to pieces. Wood and glass flew in every direction, but no one was hurt. A man drove up street in a top carriage, and later came back leading a horse, and minus the top.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

Held at Methodist Church Saturday Evening.

The Christmas exercises at the Methodist church were held Saturday evening under the direction of Mrs. Robert Robertson, Miss Florence Thatcher and Mrs. Clarence Jeffers. Earl Howe officiated as Santa Claus. The programme included: Song, choir; prayer, Rev. Samuel Thatcher; welcome, Bertha Davis; recitations, Hattie Fields, Everett Thornton; exercise, two boys, James Hewittson, Theodore Davis; song, choir; recitations, Fanny Robertson, Arlene Burdick; exercise, four children, Charles Saunders, Edith Howe, Jessie Hewittson, George Davis; recitations, Alice Smith, Mary Williams, Harriet McCluggage, Irene Robertson; song, choir; recitations, Christine Burdick, Agnes Brock, Johnnie Chadwick; exercise, seven girls; song, choir.

Holiday Guests.

Guests in town over Christmas were: Mr. and Mrs. Champion Mathewson, Miss Janet Mathewson, of New Haven; William A. Buckingham, William A. Buckingham, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Buckingham of Norwich; Miss Helen Buckingham of New York; L. G. Buckingham's, Miss Mae Wheeler of

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WESTERLY MAN DROPS DEAD

William J. Foster Expires at Railroad Station—Thomas J. Main Burned to Death in His Home—William H. Doane's Death—Christmas Observances.

William J. Foster, while at the railway station in Westerly, died instantly of heart disease, just before 5 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, while awaiting a train that brought a sister to Westerly. There was a large crowd in the waiting room when Mr. Foster was seen to fall to the floor. There was an immediate call for Dr. Michael H. Scanlon, who was in the room, and when he reached Mr. Foster death had come. Dr. Scanlon is the medical examiner and he gave permission for removal without delay. Mr. Foster was born in Westerly about 47 years ago, although he appeared to be much older. He was the only son of the late J. Barclay Foster, who was at the head of the defunct Pawcatuck bank, and William was clerk in that institution. Later he engaged in the florist business with greenhouses on the Foster farm, Beach street, and continued in that business until recently, when he disposed of it, the plant being known as the Riverside greenhouses.

Mr. Foster was unmarried and is survived by four sisters, Miss Mary Foster, with whom he resided, Miss Eva Foster of Concord, Miss Helen Willets and Mrs. Alice Pennek of Philadelphia. He was a member of the Society of Friends and belonged to no other organization. Besides his sisters, he has several near relatives, some of whom reside in Westerly.

Thomas D. Main, who resided in an isolated house in the woods a mile and a half from the village of Hopkinton, was burned to death and his house was completely destroyed by fire, presumably Thursday night, and the charred remains of Main were found in the ruins Friday afternoon. Friends of Main believe there was foul play and that Main was robbed and murdered and then the house was fired. It is said that Main had received numerous threatening letters and that no trace could be found of the money, of which he was known to have a considerable sum, but silver and gold bills, when the ashes near the remains were raked over. There was no trace of the silver, but there were two old pocket coins found near the charred bones. Mr. Main had a shotgun and a rifle. The barrel of the shotgun was found in the ashes, but there was no trace of any part of the rifle, although a most careful search was made.

Mr. Main had told friends of receiving threatening letters within the past two years, and in response to one of the letters he placed some money under a stone at night and that it was gone the next morning. On the advice of friends he paid no more attention to the threatening letters. The discovery of the house being burned was by Hadley C. Kenyon, who was on his way to a school for a loss of saw dust, late Friday afternoon. George Kenyon, who lives half a mile distant, says that he noticed a light Thursday night from the direction of where the Main house was located, but did not attribute it to the burning of the house at the time.

A thorough search of the ashes, all that remained of the house, was made under the direction of Dr. A. A. Briggs, medical examiner, and the burned ashes of Mr. Main were found in the cellar under that part of the house that Mr. Main used as a kitchen. The medical examiner is making a thorough examination of the case and hopes to solve the mystery.

William Howard Doane, the noted hymn writer, one of the best known cottage owners of Watch Hill, and legal resident of the town of Westerly, although he maintained a winter home in Cincinnati and spent occasional winters in the south, died Thursday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. George W. Doane, in South Orange, N. J. He spent last summer at his home in Watch Hill, but was in a very weakened condition, and early in the fall started for the south, but he became so feeble that he did not go any farther than South Orange to the home of his daughter, where he died. Mr. Doane was born in Preston City 33 years ago and in early life was engaged in manufacturing business in the vicinity of New York. He engaged in business in Cincinnati and was the president of the J. A. Fay company, resigning when it was amalgamated with another concern. He was an inventor of woodworking machinery, in which he acquired great wealth. Throughout his long life he was interested in church work, and is the author of many of the standard hymns. For many years he added to his hymn writing, and he attained high position as the "blind hymn writer."

One of the latest compositions of Mr. Doane, who kept at work to the very end, was music for the late Fanny Crosby's hymn, "At Evening Time I Shall Be at Home." He composed hundreds of Sunday school songs and hymns, two of the best known compositions being "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" and "Draw Me Nearer, Denison university of Granville, O., gave him the degree of doctor of music.

Mr. Doane made a trip around the world, studying the music of each nation, and returning with a rare collection of musical instruments which he gave to the Cincinnati Art museum. He was at one time president of the Baptist Publication society, president of the Baptist Ministers' Aid society, and was acknowledged leader in Baptist denominational affairs. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, the Mayflower society and the Society of Colonial Wars. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. George W. Doane of South Orange and Miss Edith Doane of Watch Hill. Burial will be in Cincinnati.

Sabbath morning the following Christmas exercises were held in the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist church. Organ voluntary; hymn, "Solitude, Lullaby"; opening sentences, Lord's prayer, Psalm XXIII in unison; scripture, Isaiah ix. 1, 2; hymn, No. 151; Adagio, Fideles; prayer; response; offertory; violin solo, Annette Rodriguez; hymn, No. 152; hymn, No. 153; Herald Angels; sermon by the pastor, Rev. Clayton A. Burdick, "The Dawning Light"; cantata, "The Morn of Glory," Fred W. Peace; finale, 114 Symphony, Mendelssohn. The choir was augmented by the choir of the First Baptist church, under the direction of John H. Tanner. The soloists were Mrs. Frederick Martin of New York, soprano; Miss Charlotte Maxson, violinist; William H. Browning, harp; Edgar P. Maxson, baritone; John H. Tanner, tenor; Mrs. J. B. Eaton, organist.

On Christmas morning services were held in Christ Episcopal church, the Church of the Immaculate Conception there were five masses, and at the 10 o'clock mass the special music was: Kyrie, Marz; Gloria, Marz; offertory, Adagio Fideles, No. 151; Sanctus, Marz; Agnus Dei, Marz; benediction; O Salutaris; Tantum Ergo; Laudate Dominum. St. Michael's church—Organ prelude O Holy Night; Kyrie, Bailey; Gloria, Bailey; Credo, Bailey; offertory, Adagio Fideles, No. 151; Sanctus, Bailey; tenor solo, Joseph L. Lenthall; Benedictus, Francis Delaney; Thomas Sullivan, Joseph McGuinness, Henry Melville; Agnus Dei, Sophie Canavan.

Christmas services were held in the Pawcatuck Congregational church Sunday morning. The cantata "The First Christmas" was rendered by Mrs. William Wells, soprano; Harry Coleman, tenor; Mrs. Frank Conno, contralto; Dr. Alexander Ferguson, bass; James Foddes, choir director, and Miss Mildred Taylor, organist. The services included: Prelude; invocation; selection, Nativity; hymn, "Calm on the Listening Ear at Night"; scripture, Matthew 2: 1-8; prayer; offertory; sermon by the pastor, Rev. Frederick McDonald, "If Christ Had Not Come"; hymn, "Joy to the World, the Lord is Come"; postlude.

Grace Methodist church—Christmas music; sermon by the pastor, Rev. Lyman G. Jones. The choir, assisted by Mrs. Louise Horton Potter, rendered this musical programme, Miss Allen Fowler being the reader: Voluntary; processional, "Joy to the World"; prayer; hymn, "There's a Song in the Air"; offertory; solo, Christmas Song, Adam; cantata, "The First Christmas," Wilson; Robert Bethel, organist.

In the First Baptist church Sunday evening the church choir, assisted by the choir of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist church, with Mrs. Frances Briggs, soloist, rendered the Christmas cantata "The Morn of Glory." At the Broad street Christian church Sunday evening the cantata "Crown Christ King" was rendered, with Christmas carols and hymns, with recitations and exercises by the children of the Sunday school.

The Sunday school of the First Baptist church will render a Christmas pageant in the church next Tuesday evening in which a large number will appear in costume, representing the boys and girls of Bethlehem and others will represent the shepherds and the Magi. The background for the pageant will consist of a large scenic view of Bethlehem and the plains of the shepherds, in colors.

Major Bourdon A. Babcock of Westerly, commanding the Second battalion, Rhode Island Coast Artillery corps, has ordered a battalion parade of the Rhode Island Coast Artillery corps, to be held at the Providence armory. The companies to take part are all Providence units and consist of the Third, Second, Tenth and Thirteenth companies.

Local Laconics. Leon L. Hall of Wakefield has been appointed an assistant inspector of telephone lines of the United States coast guard service.

An automobile operated by Albert Shippey of Wakefield was struck by a railroad train Thursday night at the crossing near the Wakefield lumber plant. Mr. Shippey was severely shaken but not seriously injured. The automobile was wrecked.

STONINGTON. At the annual meeting of Myra F. A. Loughlin lodge, Degree of Honor, officers were elected as follows: Mrs. Bertha Zeller, first chief of honor; Mrs. Anna Schmitz, chief of honor; Mrs. Susie Williams, lady of honor; Miss Genevieve Wells, chief of ceremony; Mrs. W. W. Wenemaker, Edward Northrup, receiver; Mrs. Lorenza, usher; Miss Emma Zepp, inner watch; Nicholas Clay, outer watch; Mrs. Edw. Northrup, delegate, and Mrs. Edw. Northrup, alternate representative to the grand lodge.

Stonington Pointers. The Stonington Boy Scouts are planning for an outing in New London on New Year's day, which will include attendance at a theatre. It will not be a hike, but the trip will be made by auto truck. The scouts will have a Christmas tree entertainment next Tuesday evening.

The grip is prevalent in the borough, though not of the aggravated type. Frank Garity, who has been employed in a Waterbury drug store and left the borough for Waterbury Sunday afternoon.

BALTIC. Franco-American Dramatic Club Gives Play for Benefit of St. Mary's Church. A six act French drama entitled "Une Cause Celebre" (A Celebrated Cause), was ably produced in Shannon hall, Saturday afternoon and evening by the Franco-American dramatic club. The impersonations were done cleverly and brought frequent applause from the audiences. Stage settings and costumes were handsome and in keeping with the spirit and character of the play. The proceeds will be given to St. Mary's parish. The cast follows:

Personnages. Jean Renaud MM. Odilon Arpin Lazare Desire Arpin Le Comte Desire Arpin Solenne Albert Arpin Raoul Severin Pratte Chamborant Joseph Arpin Le Capitaine Victor Pratte Joseph Wilfrid Bibeau Le Capitaine George Lacroix Soldat Victor Pratte Joseph Edmond Bissonnette, Emile Casavant, J. B. Charbon, A. Gaudin, etc. Madeleine Melle Albina Lacroix Adrienne Melle Anna Robitaille Valentine Melle Emilia Caron La Duchesse Mme. A. Dupont La Chanoinesse Melle Albina Douville La Petite Adrienne Melle Adrienne Marthe Melle Ida Lacroix Julie Melle Alma Gobeille Louise Melle Diana Coulombe Vivandieres Melle D. Coulombe, Alice Robitaille Music by Paul's orchestra. Personal Mention. Roderick A. Jodoin of Hartford spent the week end at his home here. James Cullen of Springfield, Mass., was at his home on Depot Hill over Christmas. Gustafson of Revere of Chicopee, Mass., was the guest of his parents over the holidays.

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